

BOOK REVIEW

L.B. (BERT) McCARTY AND DAVID W. HALL. 2011. **More Turfgrass and Related Weeds: Beyond the Color Atlas.** (ISBN-13: 978-0-9798777-5-9, pbk). Clemson University Public Service Publishing, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina 29634-0129, U.S.A. (**Orders:** <https://shopping.clemson.edu>, 1-864-656-3311). \$25.00, 380 pp., color photos, glossary, index, 7" × 10".

This is a guide for identifying weeds, ostensibly for those who are weed managers. For those interested in identification of the variety of grasses, plants, and numerous flowers in the wild, it gives a clear format of indices to check.

The introduction provides a way to categorize a plant through its roots, stems, vascular systems, leaves, flowers, fruits, seeds, etc. Each page names a plant within its family, the species, and also notes its growing season and life cycle. Every plant has several close-up photos on the page which are illustrative of its habit and other specific characteristics. The page also includes shape, size, propagation, and habitat along with its distribution in the U.S. (initiating primarily from Florida) and worldwide.

I found the photos to be very helpful as they provided a clearly recognizable vehicle for identification when viewing a plant. The other details added credence when further distinguishing was needed. Within the descriptive narrative there are often extra snippets of interest such as what plants are used for medicinal purposes or for teas, if edible or poisonous, and whether drought tolerant or invasive.

Since this reading I have identified plants which have heretofore gone unrecognized, and now provide me with the knowledge to either keep or dispense with as per information gained.—*Pat Gerard, Botanical Research Institute of Texas Volunteer, Fort Worth, Texas, U.S.A.*